



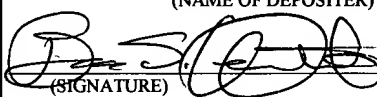
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT(S): Brian G. Scrivens et al.  
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FILING DATE: September 27, 2000 EXAMINER: M. Cole  
FOR: Method for Obtaining Increased Particle Concentration for Optical Examination

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claims 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for obtaining a liquid sample having an increased cellular or particulate concentration for optical examination comprising:

- (a) providing an apparatus comprising:  
a separation chamber;  
a wall surrounding said separation chamber;